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Claims 8-12, 15-21, and 23-48 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-7 and 22 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121

In the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, election was required of one of the following inventions: invention I (claims 1-7 and 22) and invention II (claims 8-12, 15-21, and 23-48).

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects invention II, claims 8-12, 15-21, and 23-48. The non-elected claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

All requirements have been complied with. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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